

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

19th February 2024 7:30pm
The Guildhall

Cllr Rowlands (Chair)	Present	Cllr C Martin	Present
Cllr Coniam	Present	Cllr Newman	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Perkin	Present
Cllr Golding	Apologies		

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)
Cllr Saunders (substituted Cllr Golding)

Public Questions

None

045. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Golding substituted by Cllr Saunders.

046. Declarations of Interest

None.

047. Minutes and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 20th November 2023.**

048. Interfaith Week

An update on the project was received. It was suggested that we invite the members of Interfaith Week to come and speak at the next meeting **April 5th 2024.**

049. Community Events

The Events Officer sent an update to all on the latest events. Everyone was happy with this update.

Cllr Saunders did query whether the Hat Parade was going ahead this year, it was confirmed that this will be part of the Spring Fair and called the Easter Bonnet Parade.

050. Discover Faversham Working Group

Cllr Cook discussed minutes from Discover Faversham Working Group. The Town Clerk explained an exercise was carried out to give an idea of the costs for levelling up, which came out around £40,000.00. It was proposed by Cllr

Cook, seconded by Cllr Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to acknowledge the minutes.**

Youth SLA Working Group

Cllr Rowlands deferred this item to the end of the meeting in private session.

051. Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Town Clerk reported that work to the Black History Book was progressing and we were awaiting confirmation of licensing for some photographs and an ISBN number, the costs are just under £2000.00 to print 1000 copies. There is a shortfall at present of £650 for the two projects (Black History Book & Witches Stone) with a view of getting income back from the sale of the books (retail price to be agreed but between £3.00-£5.00) and asking Cllr Hook if there is any funding available.

052. Community Lottery

A discussion took place with councilors raising their views. It was agreed that we will leave it as it stands this year and look into the costs/information to change this in future years, discussing at a full town council meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr C Martin it was **RESOLVED that for this year, we keep it as 4 x £1000 prizes, 4 x £250 prizes to be drawn and the 10% extra go back to organisations as previous years.**

It was also proposed by Cllr Saunders and Seconded by Cllr Perkins and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that the £1000 prize draw only be for organisations selling 20 tickets or more and the rest under this threshold go into the £250 prize draw.**

053. Community Rail Partnership

It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED we agree to start looking into a Community Rail Partnership scheme.**

054. Crime Research

The Town Clerk discussed the report to all. It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, Seconded by Cllr Coniam and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that a discussion needs to take place with the Community Safety Partnership about working together to meet the recommendations.**

055. Z Folds

The Town Clerk outlined the consideration of working together with the Faversham Community Network Group to produce a z-fold card of information and local service providers.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Newman, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to investigate this further, plan a discussion with FCNG making sure to get the right organisations involved. If happy to go ahead with the project to then produce an EMR for next financial year.**

056. Refer Kent

Town Clerk discussed the possibility to sign up to Refer Kent as a referrer. This would mean we have access to search for organisations linked to this site, to help with individuals queries. With the individual's permissions we can enter their details (name and contact) into the system and the organisation has three days to respond. KCC log/manage the system to follow up with organisations if they've not responded in three days.

It was proposed by Cllr Perkins, seconded by Cllr Martin, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that we would sign up to Refer Kent subject to approval from our insurers regarding our cover on this service.**

Cllr Rowlands added that someone should contact SBC about signing up also.

057. Swale Borough Council's Corporate Equality Scheme Consultation

On reviewing the Corporate Equality Scheme, it was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Cllr Perkins will draft a response to advise that there is information regarding the sexual orientation/gender reassignment available and can provide proof.**

Cllr Perkin also expressed that it's good to see that SBC are doing more regarding disability access.

- . **Mayors Awards** Cllr Rowlands deferred the item for discussion in private session

058. Matters for Report

Faversham Healthy Futures
Z Fold Cards

059. PRIVATE SESSION

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. The public and representatives of the press and broadcast media, be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.**

060. Mayor's Awards

Cllr Perkins proposed, seconded by Cllr Coniam and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED Nomination 1 Autism Apprentice.**

Cllr Perkins proposed, seconded by Cllr C Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED Nomination 2 Friends of the Rec.**

Cllr Perkins proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED Nomination 3 Emma Brown.**

061 Youth SLA Working Group

It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr C Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to terminate the Vibe contract giving six months notice..***